

## PINK EVENING CLOTHES MAY BE WISHED ON US

Tailors' Convention Thinks Men's Dress Too Tame.

"Pay government employees better wages so they can wear better clothes" is the recommendation of the National Association of Merchant Tailors, according to George E. Hebbard, of this city, member of the committee on legislation, who has just returned from a convention held by the association at Philadelphia. The resolutions will be forwarded to Congress.

The association plans to establish a sartorial course in the Washington public schools. Pupils will be taught the rudiments of tailoring.

The association went on record as favoring colored evening clothes for men—purple, pink, lavender and blue.

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## Belgium Will Not Starve Unless U. S. Donations Stop

U-Boat Warfare Itself Will Not Prove Calamitous to Nation, Says R. J. Cuddihoe, Publisher of Literary Digest, Who Is Visiting Capital.

"Belgian children will not starve because of the German U-boat blockade, if the people of America will continue their generous contributions to the Belgian 'Children's Food Fund,'" declared R. J. Cuddihoe, publisher of the Literary Digest, when seen yesterday at the New Willard.

"The only danger of starvation of Belgian children is the fact that many people believe that since Germany has announced a 'war zone,' food supplies are not permitted to reach Belgium for the relief of children," said Mr. Cuddihoe.

"During the past few days we have been deluged with inquiries by telegraph, telephone and mail—from timid persons who want to know if this great humanitarian work begun by the American people must cease because of the German U-boat campaign."

**Children's Food Fund.**  
"Several weeks ago the Literary Digest inaugurated the Belgian Food Fund and told the American people that more than 1,500,000 people in Belgium hunger for food they cannot have, and are slowly wasting away for lack of it. Underfed, underweight, ill-nourished, lacking proper nutrition, puny and pitiful, many of them are too small and weak even to help their fatherhood and motherhood must make for them through all the world—'Feed us!'"

"The great heart of the American nation awakened to this appeal as never before, and of the \$1,000,000 we asked for, \$240,000 has already been subscribed. In fact the response was so instant and widespread that instead of raising \$1,000,000, as had been originally announced, we determined not to stop until the \$15,000,000, which is necessary for the year 1917 to give this supplementary ration to the unfortunate children in unhappy Belgium, has been received."

**An Appalling Crisis.**  
"The break between the United States and Germany brings an appalling crisis to Belgium. The crisis does not come from any failure in the plans for relief. Even if we go to war with Germany tomorrow, that does not mean a failure in those plans. It might cause a brief

## WILL EXAMINE POLICE CANDIDATES TODAY

In order that the men who desire to become members of the police department may not lose time from their present employment, Maj. Raymond Pullman, superintendent of the police department, has arranged for a special examination of candidates in No. 3 truck house, Fourteenth street and Ohio avenue northwest. The examination will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All applicants must be provided with proper application blanks. Men qualifying in the examination will be eligible for appointment as privates of class No. 1 as soon as the District bill passes Congress.

Sixty-three men were examined on Friday, and it is stated that those already examined, from 10 to 20 per cent were up to the high standard required for service with the force.

## PARIS STILL FETES U. S. ENVOY GERARD

Paris, Feb. 17.—Social affairs made up the day's activities of James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany. Mr. Gerard was invited as the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Premier Briand at the Foreign office and this evening, the ex-ambassador and Mrs. Gerard were entertained at a dinner party given by Ambassador William G. Sharp and Mrs. Sharp at the United States embassy. In addition Mr. and Mrs. Gerard received a number of informal calls at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

The American diplomat is still very much incensed over an alleged interview with him which appeared in The Matin when it was called to the attention of Mr. Gerard, he branded the writer as a "deliberate, adroit and monumental liar."

## KAPPA SIGMA MEN TO GIVE BANQUET

Will Be Feature of Annual Conclave of Greek Letter Fraternity.

Secretary McAdoo, Judge Covington, Dr. Carey Grayson and Congressmen Campbell and Goodwin will be some of the speakers at a banquet at Kappa Sigma Fraternity to be held at the University Club on the night of February 4. P. D. Gold will act as toastmaster. This banquet will be the crowning event of the annual conclave to be held by the Kappa Sigmas in District IV, on February 23 and 24.

The eight chapters which compose District IV, are the mother chapter at the University of Virginia, and chapters at Randolph-Macon College, Washington and Lee University, William and Mary College, Hampden-Sydney College, University of Maryland, Richmond, College and George Washington University. During the conclave the Alpha-Eta chapter at George Washington University will act as host.

On Friday, February 23, the delegates will be entertained at a luncheon in the new Exhibit Hotel at 12:30 p. m., followed by a theater party. In the evening there will be a smoker and reception in honor of the delegates and visitors at the Alpha-Eta chapter house at 1100 Vermont avenue.

The business meeting of the conclave will be held at the chapter house at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and will be followed by a luncheon at the house at 1 p. m. in honor of the delegates. The afternoon will be given over to an automobile trip around the Capital.

On Saturday at 8:30 p. m. the Washington Kappa Sigma alumni banquet will be held at the University Club.

## ASK SUPREME COURT TO DISSOLVE TRUST

Harvester Monopoly in Restraint of Trade Alleged by Government.

The Supreme Court yesterday was asked by the Department of Justice to dissolve the Harvester Trust. The law department of the government filed a brief in the Supreme Court asking that tribunal to affirm a decree of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota which court had ordered the dissolution of the alleged trust on the ground that it was a combination in restraint of trade.

The decision of the Minnesota court had been appealed and the case now lies in the United States Supreme Court awaiting decision on that appeal.

The brief alleges that a group of men and companies organized a trust composed of several independent manufacturers of harvesting machinery and accessories. That these elements in the trade, through the agency of J. P. Morgan & Co., combined their industries and formed a combination which dominated the trade and restrained normal competition is charged by the government. The government's brief sets forth that the defendants admit control of from 80 to 85 per cent of the trade in harvesting machinery upon which the farmers of the United States are dependent.

The government's brief asserts that unless the court dissolves the Harvester Trust the way will be open for the formation of trusts, monopolizing food, fuel and other necessities.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATE FEB. 22

More than three hundred entries are included in the indoor horse show of the Washington Riding and Hunt Club which is to open tomorrow afternoon at the riding academy. Twenty-second and P streets.

All arrangements have been completed for the events which are to be continued through tomorrow night and Tuesday afternoon.

All of the mounted men of the Metropolitan Police Department are entered in one of the events for which cash prizes are to be given.

The Mardi Gras ball Tuesday night at the Willard Hotel will bring the show to a close.

## LAND FRAUDS FOUND UNDER HOMESTEAD ACT

Prosecutions Will Be Conducted by Interior Department.

The State legislature of Idaho has forwarded to Congress a joint resolution stating that there is strong evidence to indicate that lands already applied for under the stock-raising homestead act, recently passed, are sought by dummy entrymen acting in the interest of wealthy corporations, firms and individuals engaged in cattle and sheep raising.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has received a number of communications from individuals in the Western States making similar charges, and the indications are that extensive land frauds are being attempted under this law.

The act, like other homestead laws, was designed to encourage the making of individual homes upon the public domain, and the Secretary has directed a vigorous investigation and prosecution of fraudulent claims.

One who enters land, either directly or indirectly, for the benefit of other persons or corporations, will not only have his entry cancelled and forfeit his homestead right, but will be subject to criminal prosecution for perjury, and upon conviction may be fined not more than \$2,000 and imprisoned not exceeding five years.

## OCCUPATION, FLY-FEEDER.

New York, Feb. 17.—Some odd occupations have been brought to the attention of the authorities since the rush for naturalization papers began, but Clerk Bradshaw, of the naturalization bureau in the Municipal Building, in Brooklyn, believes he has discovered the queerest.

Charles Ottamar Schoon, of Brooklyn, an employee of the Rockefeller Foundation, appeared before him yesterday and gave the occupation of fly-feeder. When asked to explain, he said his duty consisted of feeding house flies, house flies, tsetse flies and other insects being kept for experimental purposes at the foundation.

## HOLD MOTOR DRIVER FOR ATTACHE'S DEATH

Grand Jury Will Act in Case of Collision Victim.

Frank B. Ochsenreiter, 25, 540 Shepherd street northwest, was yesterday afternoon ordered held for the action of the grand jury in connection with the death of Frank L. Joamini, attache of the Argentine Legation, by the coroner's jury sitting in the case.

The accident occurred shortly after 6 o'clock Friday evening. The foreigner was seated in the rear seat of the machine while in the front were seated the owner, Ochsenreiter, and Welding D. Owen, 1754 Corcoran street northwest. Neither of the occupants of the front of the vehicle were seriously shaken up when their machine struck a horse and wagon driven by Edwin Reed, colored, which was coming in the opposite direction.

After the accident the men in the front seat looked for their friend and discovered him unconscious on the ground by

ing in a pool of blood to the right of where the machine stopped. A passing automobile rushed him to Emergency Hospital, where he died at 1:45 yesterday morning. His wife and son were with him at the end.

Ochsenreiter, who is a typewriter salesman, with offices in the Evans Building, was held by the police, charged with colliding and operating on an automobile while under the influence of liquor. He was released on \$2,000 bond a short time before Joamini died. Orders were immediately issued for the re-arrest of Ochsenreiter.

Joamini, who was a native of Rome, was 46 years old. He had been employed at the Argentine Legation as private secretary and translator for about four years. Testimony given at the inquest was to the effect that Ochsenreiter was under the influence of liquor when the accident occurred and was driving at the rate of about seventeen miles an hour. Owens told the jury that he saw the approaching team while it was sixty feet distant and thought that one or the other of the drivers would turn out.

Consul E. A. Wakefield, at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, asserts the office planes from this country are rapidly gaining favor in that district.



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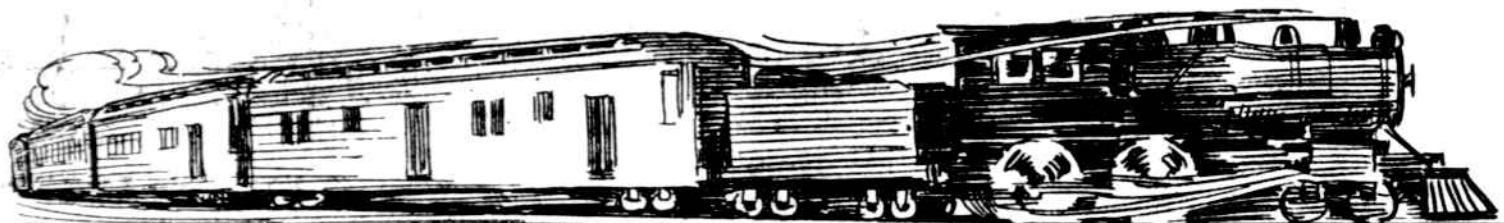
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